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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: June 12, 2019

TO: Licensed Family Day Homes
Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes
Family Day System and Homes Approved by the System
Unlicensed Child Day Programs Receiving Child Care Subsidy
Certified Preschools

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director
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SUBJECT: 2019 Legislative Implementation

This memo will inform you of legislation that passed in the 2019 Virginia General Assembly session that affects licensed family day homes, voluntarily registered family day homes, family day system and homes approved by the system, unlicensed child day programs receiving child care subsidy, and certified preschools. The legislation will become effective July 1, 2019.

House Bill 1627

[HB 1627](#) requires inspections of child welfare agencies to be prioritized in the following order:

- 1) Complaint inspections for licensed, registered, license-exempt, or unlicensed;
- 2) Non-complaint inspections of licensed or registered programs;
- 3) Inspections of license-exempt or unlicensed child welfare agencies that have entered into a contract with the Department or a local department to provide child care services funded by the Child Care and Development Block Grant, other than inspections conducted in response to a complaint; and
- 4) Non-complaint inspections of license-exempt and unlicensed programs.

Senate Bill 1435

[SB 1435](#) adds the authority for an order of summary suspension issued by the Commissioner of Social Services for all licensed child welfare agencies. The order of summary suspension is another sanction option that the Commissioner can use when revoking or denying renewal of a license, or in conjunction with other disciplinary action.

Section 63.2-1709.1 describes summary suspension hearing procedures and what actions need to be taken if an order of summary suspension is issued.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.